

with keeping the peace in North China. Mr. Procassini was honorably discharged in 1946 and was awarded the Purple Heart in July 2019.

After his honorable discharge, he returned to the University of Michigan to finish his degree. Post-graduation, he worked at Willow Run Airport and then Bendix Corporation. He retired from the company as Corporate Chief of Personnel 28 years later. He is the founder of AJProcassini & Associates, a consulting firm, and AJP Rentals, a rental property company in Ann Arbor.

An active member of our community, Mr. Procassini has remained involved in the city that he now calls home. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Washtenaw County Community College, Chairman of the Industrial Division Blood Bank, and on the Executive Board of the American Red Cross. He has also taught courses in Adult Education at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. A dedicated member of the Ann Arbor M Club, he served as the event coordinator at the Big House for sixty-two years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Anthony Procassini on his 100th birthday. I join with Mr. Procassini's family, including his ten children, eighteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

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HOMES OUR VOTES ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Our Homes Our Votes Act along with my colleague from Pennsylvania, MARY GAY SCANLON and my colleague from Georgia, NIKEMA WILLIAMS. This bill will help close the voter turnout gap between rich and poor by making it easier for eligible tenants in federally subsidized housing to register to vote.

People have fought and died for the right to vote in this country, but many still face barriers to voting. Tenants in federally subsidized housing already have their residence and identity verified by public agencies, and this bill will allow them to register to vote as they sign their lease and verify their income without duplicating information or finding additional paperwork to fill out.

The best way to confront this country's history of voter suppression is to remove barriers to voting that exist today. Eligible voters in working class districts like mine vote at lower rates than wealthier voters, and that discrepancy undermines our democracy. This bill is a step toward fixing that, and I urge this body to advance it.

HONORING LETITIA HANKE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Letitia Hanke, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Hanke was born in San Pablo and moved to Lake County at the age of five. As a new student entering a homogeneous community, she was often bullied. Though these experiences hurt her, she learned to channel her emotions into creative pursuits. At the urging of her elementary school music teacher, she picked up the trumpet. By the age of nine, she was playing with the high school band, and more important had found a community of friends who stuck up for her. Carrying this passion through her middle and high school education, she decided to attend Sonoma State University in 1993 to pursue a degree in Music Performing and Recording Arts.

Working full-time at a roofing company to pay for school, she quickly rose through the ranks. Despite having no background in the construction industry, the owner of the business offered his mentorship and the chance to purchase the business from him. Stepping away from her final year of school, she pulled the cash together and became CEO of ARS Roofing, Gutters, and Solar.

As one of the few women, and even fewer Black women working in the roofing industry, she found herself once again subject to adversity as a newcomer. Reminded of the power of the community that advocated on her behalf, she founded the LIME Foundation to help underrepresented youth accomplish their dreams. Made up of the Nextgen Trades Academy, the Senior Activities Program, and the Turner Arts Initiative, LIME has trained and placed over 100 youth in construction trades, increased quality of life for seniors through nutrition and exercise classes, and provided youth the opportunity to pursue their creative passions through summer camps and after school arts programs.

Our community is immeasurably better for all of Ms. Hanke's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Sonoma County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE
STRICKLER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephanie Strickler on receiving the Health Care Heroes Leadership Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Stephanie is the Director of Purchasing at Keystone Health and is responsible for overseeing all supplies for the hospital. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she was successful in obtaining the necessary Personal Protective Equipment to ensure the safety and health of all staff and patients. Additionally, she has been essential in securing COVID-19 vaccines for Keystone Health providers and patients.

In addition to working long hours at the hospital, Stephanie is active in the community and often serves with Leadership Franklin.

Stephanie exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the team at Keystone Health. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Stephanie on this award and thank her for her work in our community.

JAMIE GARCIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jamie Garcia for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jamie Garcia is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jamie Garcia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jamie Garcia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING CHARLES WAGGONER

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Waggoner of Jennings County, Indiana. Charles served as the Republican County Vice Chairman of Jennings County. He committed his time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for his service.

Not only is Charles a successful businessman, he is also a fervent leader and volunteer in his community. Charles is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors, often the first to volunteer his time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Charles over the last four years, and I am grateful for his friendship. I thank Charles Waggoner.